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## Enid Lake Schedules Annual Habitat Activities

**Enid Lake, Miss.....** The U. S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) Enid Lake's annual habitat improvement activities will be held on February 2 at the Enid Lake Field Office beginning at 7:00 a.m. Volunteers should report to the field office located at 264 C.R. 39, Enid, Mississippi.

USACE and the Mississippi Department of Wildlife, Fisheries, and Parks (MDWFP) partner to select areas each year around the lake that will benefit from habitat improvement. This year, fish shelters will be placed in the Wallace Creek, Hubbard Creek, and Billy's Creek areas.

Volunteers should bring all-terrain vehicles (ATV's), gloves, and wear clothing suitable for work in muddy lake bottom areas. Lunch will be provided by Enid Lake volunteers.

In 1993, USACE joined with concerned sportsmen, fishing clubs, and members of the local communities to form the Enid Lake Habitat Volunteer Association. Through this partnership, the annual event known as "Habitat Day" was organized. Volunteers will donate their time and equipment to construct and place fish shelters from discarded cedar and Christmas trees. They will use ATV's to drag the trees to designated locations and then anchor them with concrete weights along creek beds and other areas.

Restoration of fish habitat is important to the future fisheries at Enid Lake and provides continued benefits to sportsmen and visitors. According to studies performed by MDWFP, the restoration program has provided enormous benefits to the fish and habitat in Enid Lake.

Although the primary mission of Enid Lake is flood damage risk reduction, over 1.5 million individuals visit the 44,000-acre recreational area annually to enjoy the camping, playgrounds, swimming areas, several types of trails, fishing, boat ramps, marinas, and marina slips. Enid Lake is one of the four lakes in north Mississippi maintained and operated by the U. S. Army Corps of Engineers Vicksburg District. Information on Corps lakes and recreational areas can be found on the Vicksburg District Operations Division's website at <http://www.mvk.usace.army.mil/lakes/>.

For more information about volunteering, contact Vance Austin at Enid Lake, 662-563-4571.

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